

AGENDA
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION (Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)**
- III. ROLL CALL**
- IV. CONDOLENCES**
- V. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**
 - **Joseph Hayes III and Elizabeth Jones, 190 Veterans Drive Opelousas, La 70570 Parcel ##0104946000**
 - **Johnny Johnson and Audria Johnson, 825 S Market Street Opelousas, La 70570 Parcel #0105083000**
- VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - **Regular Meeting: March 19th, 2025**
- VII. PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - *Items passed through committee.

1. The Council to vote on whether or not to go forward on work on blighted property located at 190 Veterans Drive Opelousas, La 70570 owned by: Joseph Hayes III and Elizabeth Jones Parcel #0104946000
2. The Council to vote on whether or not to go forward on work on blighted property located at 154 Tesson Street Opelousas, La 70589 owned by: Johnny Johnson and Audria Johnson Parcel #0105083000
3. Vote to re-appoint Robert Duplechain and Barry Hardy for two appointments to Fire District No. 2 for a two-year term. (05-15-2025 – 05-15-2027)
4. Vote to re-appoint Michael Mills, Charles Miniex Sr., and James Barney Johnson for three appointments to Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for a four-year term. (05-02-2025 – 05-02-2029)
5. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for five appointments to St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 for a four- year term. (06-21-2025 – 06-21-2029)
6. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to St. Landry Waterworks District No. 5 for a three- year term. (4-21-2025 - 4-21-2028)
7. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to St. Landry Waterworks District No. 3. (No Set Term) Julie Fourrier resigned.
8. Vote to increase Assistant Council Clerk Karen Barlow rate of pay by \$2.00 per hour.

9. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement between St. Landry Parish Government and St. Landry Parish District Six Public Works Commission.
10. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Hospital District No. 2 (Opelousas General) for a six-year term. (06-07-2025 – 06-07-2031).
11. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement between St. Landry Parish Government and the St. Landry Parish Housing Authority.
12. Update on the Smooth Ride Home and what the funds can be spent on and present the council with the by-laws of how the money is spent and when the money is collected.
13. Authorize the Lease and Operating Agreement between St. Landry Parish Government and Robin C. Ardoin for Lots 24 and 25 at the St. Landry Parish Airport.

IX. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-007

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$2,500,000 REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2025 (ROAD OVERLAY), OF THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY, STATE OF LOUISIANA; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF INTEREST THEREON; PROVIDING FOR A PLEDGE AND DEDICATION OF REVENUES FOR SECURITY AND PAYMENT THEREOF IN PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST; AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-008

AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY THE MILLAGES FOR THE 2025 TAX ROLLS ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT the following millages are hereby levied on the 2025 tax rolls on all property subject to taxation:

	2025 LEVY
General Alimony	3.780 mills
Exempted Municipalities	1.890 mills
Health Units	2.170 mills
Jail Parish Wide	1.000 mills
Road District No 11A Sub 1	9.560 mills
Road District No 1 Ward 3	10.260 mills
Road District No 12 Ward 2	4.800 mills

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment rolls of said Parish for the year 2025, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-009

AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON WILTON LANE IN ST. LANDRY PARISH

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government has decided to abandon Wilton Lane in St. Landry Parish because Wilton Lane is no longer needed for public purposes, as per Louisiana Revised Statute 48:701.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-010

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE ST. LANDRY PARISH I-49 MIDWAY CORRIDOR OVERLAY DISTRICT AND TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR THE ST. LANDRY PARISH I-49 MIDWAY CORRIDOR OVERLAY DISTRICT, IN CHAPTER 32, PLANNING, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT, AND TO ENACT AND BE PLACED IN ARTICLE IV, ST. LANDRY PARISH I-49 MIDWAY CORRIDOR OVERLAY DISTRICT REGULATIONS, SECTION 32-80, SECTION 32-81, SECTION 32-82, SECTION 32-83, SECTION 32-84, AND SECTION 32-85 IN CHAPTER 32 OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-011

AN ORDINANCE TO ABOLISH THE ST. LANDRY PARISH PLANNING COMMISSION AND TO CREATE AND REPLACE IT WITH THE ST. LANDRY PARISH I-49 MIDWAY CORRIDOR VARIANCE BOARD IN CHAPTER 32, PLANNING, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT, AND TO ENACT ARTICLE I, ST. LANDRY PARISH I-49 MIDWAY CORRIDOR VARIANCE BOARD, SECTION 32-1, SECTION 32-2, SECTION 32-3, SECTION 32-4, SECTION 32-5, AND SECTION 32-6, TO BE PLACED IN CHAPTER 32 OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-012

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH PERFORMANCE LAND USE REGULATIONS FOR THE ST. LANDRY PARISH I-49 MIDWAY CORRIDOR, IN CHAPTER 32, PLANNING, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT, AND TO ENACT AND PLACE IN ARTICLE V, ST. LANDRY PARISH I-49 MIDWAY CORRIDOR PERFORMANCE LAND USE REGULATIONS, TO BE PLACED IN SECTIONS 32-97 THROUGH 32-108 IN CHAPTER 32 OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-013

AN ORDINANCE TO SELL PROPERTIES THAT HAVE BEEN ADJUDICATED TO ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT

X. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-006
(Sponsored By: Councilman Jimmie Edwards)**

AN ORDINANCE TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY TO AN ADJOINING LANDOWNER OF THE ADJUDICATED PROPERTY AS PER LA R.S. 47:2202 (B)

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 47:2202 B. states that the governing authority of each political subdivision may allow an adjoining landowner to purchase adjudicated

property for any price set by the governing authority without public bidding at a public meeting of the governing authority; provided, that the governing authority determines that the adjoining landowner has maintained the adjudicated property for a period of one year prior to the sale. Such a sale shall be deemed a public sale.

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government has determined that True Light Baptist Church is the adjoining landowner of adjudicated property and has maintained said adjudicated property for a period of one year or more, and thus, True Light Baptist Church may purchase the adjudicated property through a public sale without public bidding.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the following adjudicated property shall be sold by public sale to True Light Baptist Church, an adjoining land owner to the adjudicated property who maintained said adjudicated property for one year or more, without public bidding, for a price set by St. Landry Parish Government of, as per LA R.S. 47:2202 B., at the assessed value of \$5,400 and said adjudicated property is described as follows:

1 LOT NORTH 100' OF LOT 14' (46 X 110) BLK 94 F & L ADD
1 LOT E/2 OF NORTH 100' OF LOT 15 (23X100) BLK 94 F & L ADD 730836 (R-311-164)
967422 (K-42-221) DEEDED 2005 PARISH & CITY TAXES

This adjudicated property bearing parcel number 8602064000 in the St. Landry Parish land records. Which adjoins True Life Baptist Church bearing Parcel Number: 9693229454.

XI. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

Resolution No. 009-2025

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION TO AMEND La. R.S. 33:130.302 AND TO ENACT A NEW STATUTE REQUIRING PARISH AND/OR MUNICIPALITY APPROVAL FOR PROJECTS THAT WILL NEGATIVELY AFFECT LOCAL TAXES.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:130.301(B) states the St. Landry Parish Economic and Industrial Development District was “established for the primary purpose of stimulating industrial and commercial developments in St. Landry Parish... special attention shall be focused on developing stable and more extensive employment opportunities, promoting economic development in disadvantages communities, improving infrastructure, and promoting the overall welfare of the citizens of the parish.”

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government, the governing authority for St. Landry Parish, must protect the tax bases of the parish and its municipalities;

WHEREAS, St. Landry Economic and Industrial Development District possesses the authority to negotiate economic development projects that may reduce, eliminate, abate, or otherwise affect the tax bases of the parish and/or its municipalities, without any requirements of notification provided to or approval received from St. Landry Parish Government;

WHEREAS, the Executive Director or Chief Executive Officer of the St. Landry Economic and Industrial Development District is appointed by the board of commissioners;

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government can effectively protect the taxes bases of the parish and its municipalities if St. Landry Parish Economic and Industrial Development District was required to submit a detailed proposal of any economic development project that may reduce, eliminate, abate, or otherwise affect the tax bases of the parish and/or its municipalities, for the governing authority's review and approval and allowing forty-five (45) days for the governing authority to conduct a public hearing and to approve or deny the agreement by resolution.

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government can more effectively ensure that the St. Landry Parish Economic and Industrial Development District is fulfilling its purpose and focusing special attention on the areas identified in La. R.S. 33:130.301(B), and protect the taxes bases of the parish and its municipalities if the Executive Director of the St. Landry Parish Economic and Industrial Development District reported to the St. Landry Parish President who (1) shall have authority to provide general direction, strategy, and supervision to the Executive Director or Chief Executive Officer, and (2) will work at the pleasure of the Parish President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Landry Parish Council hereby expresses its support of legislation to amend La. R.S. 33:130.302 and to enact a new statute requiring parish and/or municipality approval for projects that will negatively affect local taxes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to those members of the Louisiana Legislative representing St. Landry Parish.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the St. Landry Parish Council.

Resolution No. 010-2025

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, October 11, 2025, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on April 9, 2025, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, October 11, 2025, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Parish Council to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, October 11, 2025, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)**

Shall Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 12.19 mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$333,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, operating and improving the gravity drainage works in the District?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Parish Council does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

Resolution No. 011-2025

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Ward 1 South Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, October 11, 2025, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Ward 1 South Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Ward 1 South Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on April 14, 2025, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, October 11, 2025, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Parish Council to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the

Board of Commissioners of Ward 1 South Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, October 11, 2025, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)**

Shall Ward 1 South Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the “District”), continue to levy a special tax of 3.49 mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$312,000 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating the District’s drainage works?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Parish Council does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

XII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2nd, 2025
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Chairwoman Nancy Carriere called this meeting of the Public Works Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was said by Councilman Alvin Stelly.**
3. **Roll Call:** Nancy Carriere, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Wayne Ardoin.
ABSENT: Ex-Officio Jody White, Mildred Thierry and Jimmie Edwards.
4. **Person to address the Committee:**
Shadrick Joseph-Land Erosion and Drainage Problems along his property on Wisdom Road and Hackberry Street.
Mr. Shadrick Joseph was not present to address the council.
5. **Public Works Report:**

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director addressed the council. He stated, “For the month of March we:

Boomed Axed	5 Roads
Culvert Cleaned	11 Roads
Culvert Installation	14 Roads
Debris Removal	55 Roads
Ditching	19 Roads
Grading	36 Roads
Material Spreading	18 Roads
Patching	21 Roads
Sign Installation	19 Roads

Tree Removal	15 Roads
Washout	1 Road

Mr. Barry Soileau continued to state, “I just want to add that those areas that were hit by the tornado we are asking that constituents pile their debris at the road and Parish Government would pick it up. We are asking that they please separate the debris and do not place tires in the debris because it interferes with us dumping it at the Landfill. We want to try and help many people as we can. If someone knows something that is on the road such as a tree cracked or something and we may have missed it, please call our office so we can address it. We would rather get it before something happens afterwards. Feel free to call me anytime anything happens.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I just wanted to bring a little clarity to the word separated. A lot of times people think that because it was involved in the tornado they have to separate the debris from the tornado which means tin or fence post or some wire and that goes into tornado pick up. The actual tree limbs and the fence post have to be separated regardless at the end of the road because I have seen it where we have had those issues.”

Mr. Barry Soileau stated, “Thank you, one thing is Cresol, we cannot take anything with Cresol. I am glad you mentioned that.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to accept the Public Works Report.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Wayne Ardoin.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Mildred Thierry and Jimmie Edwards. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

6. Discuss four- wheelers, side-by-sides, and golf carts on the roads. (Councilman Alvin Stelly).

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “This matter has been resolved.”

7. Forward all applications received for three appointments to Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for a four-year term. (05-02-2025 – 05-02-2029).

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, April 16th, 2025* all applications received for three appointments to Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for a four-year term. (05-02-2025 – 05-02-2029).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Wayne Ardoin.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Mildred Thierry and Jimmie Edwards. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

8. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for five appointments to St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 for a four-year term. (06-21-2025 – 06-21-2029).

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, April 16th, 2025* to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for five appointments to the St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 for a four- year term. (06-21-2025 – 06-21-2029).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Wayne Ardoin.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Mildred Thierry and Jimmie Edwards. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

9. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to St. Landry Waterworks District No. 5 for a three-year term. (4-21-2025 - 4-21-2028) Jody Fontenot resigned.

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, April 16th, 2025* to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to St. Landry Waterworks District No. 5 for a three-year term. (4-21-2025 - 4-21-2028).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Wayne Ardoin.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Mildred Thierry and Jimmie Edwards. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

**10. Update on Smooth Ride Home and what those funds can be spent on.
(Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)**

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Councilwoman Mildred Thierry is not here. We can table this item.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “This item probably will come back up. We need the By-Laws of how that money is to be spent on the Smooth Ride Home when it is collected. We also would like the list of roads that were done in the last year with the Smooth Ride Home. I will ask that as a motion.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to present the council with an update on the Smooth Ride Home and what the funds can be spent on and present the council with the by-laws of how the money is spent and when the money is collected.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Wayne Ardoin.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Mildred Thierry and Jimmie Edwards. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

11. An update on Bayou Carron. (Councilwoman Mildred Thierry).

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Councilwoman Mildred Thierry is not here. We will Table this matter until she returns. This is an update on Bayou Carron that Ms. Thierry wanted.”

Mr. Gordon Miller addressed the council. He stated, “My name is Gordon Miller. I live at 117 Canal Road, Opelousas. I have been living there for 42 years, since 1981. There is a Dam down the road. Every time we have bad weather they keep going over there and plugging the Dam. The day before we had the bad weather I caught them over there at 7:00 p.m. plugging the Dam, it goes on constantly. The only thing that I have not done is take possession of a machine and remove the debris myself. From the Drainage District, a representative from the Drainage District told me at onetime the farmer that made that Dam would have to remove it and that was after the first flood in 2014. We went through another flood in August, 2016 and now we are in April 2025 and the Dam is still there. The Beavers are very strong because they have pieces of reinforced concrete in there.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Mr. Soileau, are you familiar with this issue?”

Public Works Director, Barry Soileau stated, “That would be a Drainage District issue.”

Mr. Gordon Miller stated, “The Drainage District has not done anything in 42 years until I pushed them to do it. Unless we get the Public Works Department to go in there like when Mr. Bill Fontenot was there and they removed the debris the canal will not flow. To the best of my knowledge there a plenty laws in the state of Louisiana about blocking the natural flow of water. Some of the other councilmembers told me they have grants for one million dollars (1,000,000.00) and have spent it on drainage. That is how important drainage is. Do we have to give people homes and business to go under water before we do something about it?”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Because it is a Drainage District issue who is your Drainage Board?”

Mr. Gordon Miller stated, “They don’t answer the phone. I have been to the meetings, me and a couple of my neighbors that are deceased now and they don’t do anything.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Do you know your Council member’s name?”

Mr. Gordon Miller stated, “The Public Works Department can go over there with their Grappler machine that they have and remove that stuff in a matter of one hour, it can be gone. The Sheriff can go over there and serve the person that is doing it and tell them not to do it anymore.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Well Ms. Thierry is not here. She is the one who brought it up for discussion.”

Mr. Gordon Miller stated, “Ms. Thierry is not Public Works and she is not the Parish President. She is the Councilmember.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Yes Sir but she helps to appoint the people that is on the Drainage Board in that Drainage District. It is a Drainage Board issue.

Mr. Gordon Miller stated, “No Ma’am, it is a Farmer’s issue. They wants to do what they want to do and nobody can correct them.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Perhaps Mr. Miller could speak to Mr. Bellard and ask him to check this out. I think that is the proper procedure. He will probably send Barry over there to look at the matter but he will have to get directions to do that.”

Mr. Gordon Miller stated, “It is very easy to spot Mr. Taylor because SLEMCO put power there for him to pump from the Canal but there was no Dam when he did that. I spoke to SLEMCO about it and they said they cannot remove the power to the well as long as he pays the bill.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “I understand.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Why don’t you give your number to the Public Works Director.”

Mr. Gordon Miller stated, “He has my number.”

Mr. Van Reed questioned, “Mr. Gordon, exactly where is that located?”

Mr. Gordon Miller stated, “Barry knows where it is. It is on Canal Road. It is down the road from my house. They have power lines crossing the road. They have two canals merged there.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “They will get back in touch with you.”

12. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to St. Landry Waterworks District No. 3. (No Set Terms) Julie Fourrier resigned.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, April 16th, 2025* to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to St. Landry Waterworks District No. 3.

(No Set Terms).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Wayne Ardoin.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Mildred Thierry and Jimmie Edwards. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

13. Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “He was supposed to be here tonight. He was here at the last meeting. He was advised and I think that this is in Ms. Vivian’s District or in Mr. Timmy’s District in reference to the Health Unit, feeding the Senior People. The Letter was never written so they can start the process over there. Remember we were told that the letter was going to be written. Mr. Lincoln Savoie called me Sunday evening and told me that they never received a letter yet. I am going ask that this committee place this before the full council and a letter be written for them to commence using that facility, it is our building I think, the Sunset Health Unit and they can commence the process.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “You want to put that in a form of a motion?”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Yes I am putting it in a form of a motion.”

Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated, “I will second it.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “In case the other side did not here.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I will repeat it. It is about the letter that Mr. Lincoln Savoie came here about us giving them permission for them to use that Health Unit in Sunset to feed the Senior People. I think that Mr. Marks was involved to see about getting it done in Krotz Springs and Mrs. Thierry wanted to see about getting it done in Plaisance. He called me and he is concerned because he said he thought we were going to give him a letter to let them go ahead and start. They have not had permission because the Feds are ready to start the process. I am asking for a motion from the committee.”

Mr. Van Reed stated, “I talked to Jessie about it. He said that he is handling that. He is talking to Mr. Lincoln Savoie directly.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Lincoln called me Sunday evening. He was all concerned about it. He said that he was going to be here tonight. Maybe they spoke since then but he asked me to bring it up and I am doing what he ask.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Do you want to withdraw your motion?”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I will withhold it until further notice. If they have spoken I am good.”

Mr. Gordon Miller questioned, “I just want to know what was discussed on item No 6 on the agenda. Discuss four-wheelers, side-by-side and golf carts on the roads.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “I had that on the agenda. I talked to our lawyer and he gave me some paper work on it.”

Mr. Gordon Miller stated, “According to what the Sheriff put on Facebook is legal in St. Landry Parish for them to ride four wheelers, side-by sides on the parish roads. As far as I know on a public highway they can ride on the shoulder.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “It is legal.”

Mr. Gordon Miller stated, “What does the Louisiana Statue say?”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Mr. Stelly stated that it has been resolved.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “We have a motion to adjourn.”

Councilwoman Alvin Stelly stated, “Second.”

14. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly adjourn the Public Works Committee.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Wayne Ardoin.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Mildred Thierry and Jimmie Edwards. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion carried.

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor called this meeting of the Administrative/Finance Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.

2 **Roll Call:** Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **Ex-Officio** Jody White. **ABSENT:** Dexter Brown.

3. **Person to address the Committee.**

There was no one.

4. **Parish President & Finance Reports:**

Mr. Van Reed stated, “I have no report but I do know that Jessie is about 15 minutes from joining the meeting. You all want to wait until her gets here?”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “No we are going to move on.”

Mr. Van Reed stated, “You all should have the Finance Report in front of you all.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “How do you want to handle the Parish President’s Report? Do you want to accept it as it is or do you want to wait until he get here?”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “We will wait until he gets here.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I don’t have anything on the Parish President’s Report. I am just going to bring out Item No. 5 on the Agenda. The discussion about the Immovable Property, Mr. Lejeune mentioned that it was that building behind the Hospital that we did not know we had. The appraisal came back I want to believe it was at \$500.00 a month and that is what the rate was. I did talk to the CEO at the hospital and I told them about the rate. We are going to go back and look inside that building and see if it is even worth them having it. Right now we are going to go in there and take out whatever they have and if they need it then they will rent it. We are in the process of making that happen. It has not been open in years. Probably everything in there is not any good but we want to make sure. If they use it they will pay the \$500.00 per month and we will get that by next month’s meeting.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “Mr. Bellard, were they renting that building currently?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, it was a gentlemen’s agreement between the Hospital District and the Hospital. As long as they would keep up the grounds they could use the building. There is no contract.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard questioned, “Mr. Bellard, if they don’t rent the building then who is going to keep up the grounds?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We will have to take care of it. That is exactly where we would probably put the coroners building in that same grassy area for the autopsy room and stuff on that same property.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “I thought the autopsy room was going to go to those two small buildings that we left standing.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “One of the building would cost too much money to put the roof and remodel that part so we will just have to build a new structure right there to fit the needs of the coroner, it would be a lot cheaper. We have the Grant to furnish it and put everything on the inside.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “Are we going to tear down those two small buildings?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That one small building. The big building we applied for the Grant to re-do that big building and bring it back into Commerce.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Now that you are here Mr. Bellard have you spoken to Mr. Lincoln Savoie about the letter?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I am dealing with the Department over there. I am not dealing with Mr. Lincoln Savoie. I am dealing with the lady in charge. I received a letter from her last week. That is what I was waiting on. We sent a letter back to them. We just want to make sure that we have the clarity right of what the building will be used for, it will not be a place to go and sit. We are in negotiations with them.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “He called. He was suppose to be here tonight but you were not here so Mr. Reed spoke and said that maybe you all had talked.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Not me and him but me and another person did talk.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “So it is still a possibility that it will happen.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is going to happen. There are a couple of things that she is asking for and I think that we need to negotiate. We can’t pay for their stuff but we can supply them the building. We will make some things work for them. Then the issue with Plaisance and the other areas that is our big question. Why do you do it in some areas and not in all areas?”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I can understand, we own that building over there and it was done there before. The man brought it up and we want to accommodate.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We can do it over there but I want them to look for other ways.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Thank you, I appreciate it.”

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to accept the Parish President & Finance Report:

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Timmy Lejeune, and Ernest Blanchard. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Dexter Brown. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion carried.

- 5. Further discuss the Appraisal of the Lease of Immovable Property by St. Landry Parish Government to Allegiance Health Management, Inc. dba Acadian Medical Center.**

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Who placed this on the agenda?”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “That was forwarded from the last Committee Meeting.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “Is that the building that is behind from where the old Hospital was at?”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Do we have any further discussion about that?”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Not that I can remember in detail.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “That was taken care of. I went to the meeting on that. You will have to talk to Jessie but that was taken care of between the Hospital Administrators and Jessie.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Do we need to take any action?”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “No we don’t need any action. It has been taken care of.”

6. Discuss the salary adjustment for the Assistant Council Clerk Karen Barlow.

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Mr. Brown had taken the effort of getting this done. I would like to say that I spoke to Mr. Bellard and he said that he will make sure the he can find \$2.00 per hour for an increase in her pay. I will make it as a motion.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “I will second.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “You want to forward it to the Full Council.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “That is correct.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Is there anyone else that have something that they want to say? I have something to say. We can take it out of our own budget since she works for us. All we have to do is give up \$200.00 each on our travel pay. That would make sense. Do you all understand that we are a separate body from Parish Government?”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Oh yes, I understand that clearly Mr. Taylor.”

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, April 16th, 2025** the salary adjustment for the Assistant Council Clerk Karen Barlow.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

7. Forward all applications received for two appointments to Fire District No. 2 for a two-year term. (05-15-2025 – 05-15-2027).

A motion was made by Councilman Faltery Jolivette, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, April 16th, 2025** all applications received for two appointments to Fire District No. 2 for a two-year term. (05-15-2025 – 05-15-2027).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

8. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Hospital District No. 2 (Opelousas General) for a six-year term. (06-07-2025 – 06-07-2031).

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivette to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, April 16th, 2025* to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Hospital District No. 2 (Opelousas General) for a six-year term. (06-07-2025 – 06-07-2031).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

9. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement between St. Landry Parish Government and the St. Landry Parish Housing Authority.

A motion was made by Councilman Faltery Jolivette, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, April 16th, 2025* to authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement between St. Landry Parish Government and the St. Landry Parish Housing Authority.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

10. Authorize the Lease and Operating Agreement between St. Landry Parish Government and Robin C. Ardoin for Lots 24 and 25 at the St. Landry Parish Airport.

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, April 16th, 2025* to authorize the Lease and Operating Agreement between St. Landry Parish Government and Robin C. Ardoin for Lots 24 and 25 at the St. Landry Parish Airport.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

11. Forward to Full Council Resolution No. 009-2025

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION TO AMEND La. R.S. 33:130.302 AND TO ENACT A NEW STATUTE REQUIRING PARISH AND/OR MUNICIPALITY APPROVAL FOR PROJECTS THAT WILL NEGATIVELY AFFECT LOCAL TAXES.

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivette to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, April 16th, 2025* the approval of **Resolution No. 009-2025**.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Ladies and Gentleman. The Chairman have something to say. First of all SLED, the Economic Development District is a Subdivision of the State of Louisiana. It reads in the Revised Statue 33:130:302(B) the Power and Authority to appoint commissioners shall not be construed to confer on the St. Landry Parish Municipal Association or the Parish Council of St. Landry Parish in a direction control or other influence over the district the board not specifically provided here in or otherwise provided by law. Furthermore the current members of the Municipal Association and the parish council may not serve as commissioners. These folks have been in operation since 1998. They are created by the State, unlike District 5 and District 6 which we have no control over. What are we doing getting involved in this? They have done a tremendous job

over the years bringing jobs to our parish and building our community. What are we trying to do here?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Mr. Chairman."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "Who is speaking?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I have arrived."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "Go ahead Mr. Bellard, I am so glad that you are here."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "So it is very simple. The authority to do what is being done now, presently, by abating taxes and making deals with Pilot Programs and everything else should rest with this body here, not a board. I am explain the process. I am asking this council for a Resolution to support the bill that I have submitted to change the way the board has the authority to do certain things. One thing and the main thing is that the board will not be able to approve Pilot Programs or any type of programs that is going to eliminate some taxes or defer some taxes on the taxing bodies of our parish. That is the only thing that we are asking to be changed in the law."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "That is not what you are saying in the Resolution."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I am trying to explain it to you. Give me a minute."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "You should have done your homework before you presented this to us."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I did all of my homework. I promise you."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "Why have you taken your job out of it?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Sir."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "Somebody objected to it or something. I think that it was crazy that you would put it in there but that is you. Listen if you are suggesting that the parish council."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I have the floor."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "I have the gavel."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I was talking and you gave me the floor so it is my turn."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "Finish up. Finish up."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I will take my time. I just walked in the door."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "You have the floor Mr. Bellard."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The whole thing about this is that we are going to change the Statue to read that this council, this body is the one that is going to make the final decision on Abating Taxes and Approving Pilot Programs. That is it, nothing else in there changes.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “So you are taking all of this other stuff out?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “To answer your question, when I put that other part in there, you know why I put it in there?”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Yes I would like to know.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Because I knew you and another councilmember would question it.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “You are excused, thank you very much. So you want to amend the Resolution to read that it will be this body that is going to make the final determination whether or not these tax exemptions are going forward.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Correct.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Everybody got that. It is not about the President being involved or having authority. Do we have a motion?”

Resolution No. 009-2025

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION TO AMEND La. R.S. 33:130.302 AND TO ENACT A NEW STATUTE REQUIRING PARISH AND/OR MUNICIPALITY APPROVAL FOR PROJECTS THAT WILL NEGATIVELY AFFECT LOCAL TAXES.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:130.301(B) states the St. Landry Parish Economic and Industrial Development District was “established for the primary purpose of stimulating industrial and commercial developments in St. Landry Parish... special attention shall be focused on developing stable and more extensive employment opportunities, promoting economic development in disadvantages communities, improving infrastructure, and promoting the overall welfare of the citizens of the parish.”

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government, the governing authority for St. Landry Parish, must protect the tax bases of the parish and its municipalities;

WHEREAS, St. Landry Economic and Industrial Development District possesses the authority to negotiate economic development projects that may reduce, eliminate, abate, or otherwise affect the tax bases of the parish and/or its municipalities, without any requirements of notification provided to or approval received from St. Landry Parish Government;

WHEREAS, the Executive Director or Chief Executive Officer of the St. Landry Economic and Industrial Development District is appointed by the board of commissioners;

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government can effectively protect the taxes bases of the parish and its municipalities if St. Landry Parish Economic and Industrial Development District was required to submit a detailed proposal of any economic development project that may reduce, eliminate, abate, or otherwise affect the tax bases of the parish and/or its municipalities, for the governing authority’s review and approval and allowing forty-five (45) days for the governing authority to conduct a public hearing and to approve or deny the agreement by resolution.

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government can more effectively ensure that the St. Landry Parish Economic and Industrial Development District is fulfilling its purpose and focusing special attention on the areas identified in La. R.S. 33:130.301(B), and protect the taxes bases of the parish and its municipalities if the Executive Director of the St. Landry Parish Economic and Industrial Development District reported to the St. Landry Parish President who (1) shall have authority to provide general direction, strategy, and supervision to the Executive Director or Chief Executive Officer, and (2) will work at the pleasure of the Parish President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Landry Parish Council hereby expresses its support of legislation to amend La. R.S. 33:130.302 and to enact a new statute requiring parish and/or municipality approval for projects that will negatively affect local taxes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to those members of the Louisiana Legislative representing St. Landry Parish.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the St. Landry Parish Council.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, April 16th, 2025* the approval of **Resolution No. 010-2025**.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None. *Motion forwarded.*

12. Forward to Full Council Resolution No. 010-2025

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, October 11, 2025, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana (the “Governing Authority”), acting as the governing authority of Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana (the “District”), adopted a resolution on April 9, 2025, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, October 11, 2025, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Parish Council to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, October 11, 2025, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana (the “District”), continue to levy a special tax of 12.19 mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$333,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, operating and improving the gravity drainage works in the District?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Parish Council does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivette to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, April 16th, 2025* the approval of **Resolution No. 011-2025**.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

13. Forward to Full Council Resolution No. 011-2025

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Ward 1 South Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, October 11, 2025, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Ward 1 South Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Ward 1 South Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on April 14, 2025, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, October 11, 2025, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Parish Council to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Ward 1 South Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, October 11, 2025, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Ward 1 South Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the “District”), continue to levy a special tax of 3.49 mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$312,000 expected at this time to be

collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating the District's drainage works?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Parish Council does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

14. Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.

None.

15. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to adjourn the Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE
SHERELL JORDAN, COUNCIL CLERK
KAREN BARLOW, ASSISTANT CLERK**

XIII. ADJOURN